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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 31, 2002. Please amend the application as follows. Marked-up versions of the specification paragraphs and claims amended below have been included as Appendix A of this Amendment in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, line 24, with the following paragraph:

Another method of adjusting the knife is to adjust the position of the blade through the use of an eccentric blade axle. This method also has numerous disadvantages. Because the blade tang must fit snugly on the axle to avoid play in the knife, the amount of possible lateral adjustment of the blade is limited. Additionally, the axle aperture in the blade must be circular in order for the blade to rotate on the axle without the tang moving off its axis of rotation. Therefore, the axle aperture may not be a slot. Because the axle aperture is round, the eccentric axle not only moves the blade laterally with respect to the liner lock and handle during adjustment, but the